

**BEFORE THE  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

In the Matter of:	)	
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Request for Waiver	)	
	)	CC Docket No. 02-6
by	)	
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Fort Wayne Community Schools	)	
Fort Wayne, IN	)	

TO: Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Fort Wayne Community Schools ("FWCS"), Billed Entity # 130451, respectfully requests the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC" or "Commission") grant it a Waiver of the FY2018 Form 471 filing deadline for FCC Form 471 Application #181041820. This Request for Waiver is made pursuant to 54.719 through 54.723 of the Commission's rules.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.719–54.723

## **STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF WAIVER**

For Erate Funding Year 2018 FWCS filed all but one of its funding requests within the window; FCC Form 471 application #181021670 was submitted for Category One (“C1”) services and FCC Form 471 application #181027605 was submitted for Category Two (“C2”) services. An additional third Form 471 application, #181041820, containing one C1 funding request for a circuit upgrade was filed six (6) days after the close of the window.

The reason for the late filing of FWCS’ third Form 471 application was due to a clerical/ministerial error that resulted in the desired circuit upgrade being inadvertently omitted from FWCS’ first FY2018 Form 470 application. The error/omission was discovered on February 23, 2018 and FWCS immediately posted Form 470 #180031064 requesting the upgraded circuit. However, needing to be in compliance with the 28 day waiting period before conducting an evaluation and entering into a legally binding agreement meant missing the FY2018 Form 471 deadline of March 22, 2018. FWCS’ allowable contract date was March 23, 2018 and on that date it conducted its evaluation and selected a vendor. A contract was entered into with Comcast and on March 28, 2018, Form 471 #181041820 for the upgrade to a 10Gbps circuit was filed. FWCS’s other two FY2018 Forms 471 were timely filed, so a filing deadline waiver is only being requested for the sole funding request for the 10Gbps circuit upgrade contained in Form 471 #181041820.

The Commission has repeatedly reiterated its authority under 47 C.F.R. §1.3 to waive rules for good cause shown and for the past number of years has customarily waived the filing deadline for late filed Forms 471 that were filed within 14 days of the close of the Window. *See, Requests For Waiver and Review of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by*

*Academy of Math and Science et al* CC Docket No. 02-6, Order 25FCC Rcd 9256,9259, para 8 (2010) and more recently, *Streamlined Resolution of Requests Related to Action by the Universal Service Administrative Company, Dated May 31, 2017.*

Since Form 471 #181041820 was filed less than 14 days after the close of the Window, FWCS respectfully requests the Commission to grant it a Waiver of the FY2018 filing deadline and allow Form 471 #181041820 considered for funding as though timely filed within the Window.

Thank you for your consideration.

/s/ Linda Schreckinger Sadler

On behalf of Educational Funding Group, Inc.  
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